

An Interesting Relic That Is Reminiscent Of Abraham Lincoln

ONE OF the most interesting relics of Abraham Lincoln is now in possession of C. N. Strevel, of Salt Lake. It is a section of door casing. The slab of wood shows the ravages of time. It is not beautifully grained and varnished, nor would it be considered an ornament to a modern mansion, but its bit of wood is sacred, for against it the great president pressed his gaunt form while Mr. Strevel's father took his measure. The relic is there now, a faint nick in the wood near its base. It shows President Lincoln to have been almost exactly six feet four inches in height.

It was just thirty-six years ago today that John Wilkes Booth fired the shot that plunged a nation into mourning such as it had not experienced since the messengers hurried from Mount Vernon with the tidings that the loved Washington was no more. To no citizen did the grief have a bitterer personal tinge than to Judge J. W. Strevel, formerly of Pontiac, Ill., but now a leader of the bar of Miles City, Mont. Judge Strevel had known Lincoln personally and well.

nominated at Baltimore may be true and it may not, but I can tell you one thing, he will not be nominated at Baltimore without a great fight. The event proved how much better he understood the situation than I did. The convention at Baltimore resulted in a tremendous fight and a split. But what you say should turn out to be true, I do not see how that would necessitate my nomination, as you seem to think. He then said which his brother-in-law, Mr. Smith, stated to me afterwards, was probably as much as he ever said to anyone. I have thought that I might be named for the second place on the ticket, but not for anything higher.

"Talking in relation to this matter as he had presented it, I asked him to nominate, in his judgment, he nominated. He said, 'I think Mr. Seward will be nominated.'"

"His prediction that Seward would be nominated would have proven to be entirely true had it not been for Horace Greeley, who went into the convention as an alternate from one of the western territories.

Washington, D.C. March 21/75. He is the undoubted head of the party. His name is in the hands of the party. David Davis, Charles Sumner, Charles Sumner.

And, like a' who had been admitted to the friendship of Mr. Lincoln, his affection for him was of the warmest character.

Judge Strevel was a young lawyer in Pontiac when Lincoln, following the court circuit, came there to try cases. It was some years before he was mentioned for the presidency, but the greatness of the man was beginning to manifest itself; he was a leader among leaders. In a letter to his mother of recent date, Judge Strevel tells how he happened to measure Mr. Lincoln. Here is the story in his own words:

"The young man in Pontiac, Ill., in the winter before Mr. Lincoln was nominated for president, had undertaken to maintain a lecture course, which was more in vogue then than now. Among the lecturers secured was Mr. Lincoln. I introduced him to a very large audience and before introducing him I asked him what subject I should announce for his lecture, and he replied, 'The Wheel and Axle.' That lecture, though one of the most interesting I ever heard before or since, was never found in his papers. It was a written lecture, but no trace of it was ever obtained after his death.

"He was entertained at our house during the night, and after the lecture there was a general reception, a large number of citizens of the town calling upon him during the evening. After the reception had closed and all of our family except Mr. Lincoln and myself had retired, he and I sat up until about 12 o'clock in conversation to a great deal of which conversation I could repeat here, but it is not necessary to do so. I do not know where I have been able to remember at all, what incident it was that brought up the subject of his height. He said that he was 6 feet 4 inches.

"I told him that it scarcely seemed possible to me that he was four inches taller than myself. I was just five feet. But, at all events, he said: 'You can take my height if you wish.' And I did so, he standing with his back to the door casing and I taking his measure with great caution. I think with a two-foot rule. I remember very distinctly when I was placing the rule on top of his head to get as near a perfect level as I could, noticing how heavy and muscular his head was. He had a heavy head of hair and it was very coarse and black. The measure was taken in his stocking feet; he had some time previous to that pulled off his boots, and he proved to be just the height you will find on the door casing, which I think is exactly 6 feet 4. If you should be at all interested in any portion of the conversation I had with him that evening I can give you a sample of it.

"The time of which I am speaking was in the troubled days of slavery and anti-slavery, and one portion of the country was in sentiment entirely arrayed against the other, the north against the south, and the heated condition of the public mind soon eventuated in the clash of arms. Our conversation was largely upon this subject. I said to him that I thought he would be nominated for president at the approaching convention in Chicago."

"I did not then know what his brother-in-law, Mr. Smith, afterwards told me was true, that he did not like to have anyone say to him that he would be nominated. I suppose it was upon the ground that there was a great deal of talk which he himself regarded as flippant and much of it said, perhaps, with a mere idea to please him. This he did not like. In answer he asked me, with rather a stern countenance, why I said that. I soon gave him proof that I did not say it without what I regarded as a good reason for doing so—he and Douglas had had their joint debate two years before. I said to him: 'Douglas will be nominated at Baltimore, and the people will never be satisfied until you and he have had this contest out on a broader field than the one in which you were engaged in your joint debate.' This was a conviction of mine, and I think it immediately addressed itself to him as a conviction. 'Well,' he said, 'what you say of Mr. Douglas being

"I often met Mr. Lincoln during my residence in the north, and had many conversations with him in relation to professional and political subjects. I was a member of a state Republican convention in Pontiac, and he was present. I was a member of a state Republican convention in Pontiac, and he was present. I was a member of a state Republican convention in Pontiac, and he was present."

Toward the close of his first term President Lincoln appointed Judge Strevel cashier in the New Orleans custom house and he was engaged in his duties there when the news came that Lincoln had fallen at the hands of an assassin.

Some time ago C. N. Strevel was visiting his old home in Pontiac, which is now occupied by his father-in-law. He had heard the story of how his father measured Lincoln and asked to be shown the door casing. Then the desire to obtain possession of the unique relic grew strong within him and he secured permission to take it away. It is now in his hands and for a few days he will exhibit it in one of the show windows of the Scott-Strevel Hardware company.

Another most interesting souvenir of Lincoln in the shape of an autograph of the president written in his own hand, it was sent to Jesse W. Fell of Normal, Ill., at Mr. Fell's request. After President Lincoln was killed, Mr. Fell had reproduced the autograph in the shape of a card. Strevel has one of them framed. Through his courtesy the conclusion of the autograph is herewith reproduced together with the certificate of authenticity by David Davis, Lyman Trumbull and Charles Sumner.

"If any personal description of me is thought desirable," Mr. Lincoln writes, "it may be said I am, in height, 6 feet 4 inches, nearly; lean in flesh, weighing 160 lbs. in average; 35 pounds; dark complexion, with coarse black hair, and gray eyes—no other marks or brands recollected."

The Population of Salt Lake City is about 65,000, and we would say at least one-half are tired with some of the afflictions of the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than any other. We would advise all to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam of the Throat, and Lungs. Price 25c. and 50c. Trial size free. For sale by Godbe-Pitts Drug company, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Excursion to Denver. On April 27 the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific will sell excursion tickets from Salt Lake City to Denver and return at half rates. Tickets good fifteen days. Call at 201 Main street for particulars.

\$100,000 Provision for Wellesley. (Chicago Record-Herald.) Boston.—The will of David W. Hitchcock, wealthy Boston merchant, has been filed for probate. It gives to Wellesley college \$100,000, with this remarkable provision attached: "I exclude Roman Catholics and persons because I feel that the introduction into said college of pupils who differ essentially in race and religion from others may prevent the best interests of the college."

In case Wellesley refuses the gift the money is to go to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Alpheus Hardy, a Wellesley trustee, said that the bequest would probably be accepted, since the provision relates to the Hitchcock fund only. Charles Durant, the founder of Wellesley, provided that it should forever be non-sectarian.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(All notices for this column must be handed in before 6 p. m. Saturday.)

Episcopal.
St. Mark's Cathedral.—Rev. Rev. Abel Leonard, S. T. D., pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m. First Sunday, April 14, 10 a. m. Holy communion; 9:45 a. m. Sunday school; 10:30 a. m. branch Sunday school at Fort Douglas. The Power of the Resurrection. The Easter message and address on "Life's Awakening." All interested are cordially invited. All seats free.

St. Paul's Associate Mission.—Rev. Ellis Bishop, rector. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Rev. Millard Walker, associate. April 14, first (Low) Sunday after Easter.

St. Peter's Chapel.—Fifth North and Fifth West streets. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon at 8 p. m.

St. John's Chapel.—Perkins addition. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Mill Creek Mission.—Scott's school house. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 p. m.

St. Paul's Church.—Main and Fourth streets. Rev. Millard Walker, rector. First Sunday after Easter, April 14, 10 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, with repetition of Easter message. 8:30 p. m. Bible class, under the direction of Professor George M. Marshall. Tuesday, April 15, 10 a. m. Ladies' guild in Guild room. Friday, April 19, 10 a. m. Evening prayer; 8 p. m. Sunday school; 8:30 p. m. Holy communion. Saturday, April 20, 10 a. m. Boys' club, 115 East First street.

Congregational.
First Congregational Church.—Corner of First South and Second East. Rev. Clarence T. Brown, pastor. Public worship at 11 o'clock. Sunday, April 14, 10 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon. The Best Use of Life. Sunday school at 12:30. P. M. S. C. E. 6:15. All invited. No other evening service.

Plymouth Congregational Church.—Third North, near First West. Rev. P. E. Bigelow, pastor. Services: 9:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Christian Endeavor; 8 p. m. preaching service, sermon by Rev. W. M. Brown. D. W. Wesley, singing, prayer meeting. Thursday afternoon, mission meeting. Friday evening, 8:30 p. m. Thursday evening, illustrated lecture on "Australia," by Miss Murcott. The public is invited to these services.

Phillips Congregational Church.—Fifth South and Seventh East. Rev. P. A. Simpkins, pastor. Services this day at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. The Cross of Jesus. Anthem at each service. Sunday school at 12:15. Christian Endeavor. All are very cordially invited to these services.

Presbyterian.
First Presbyterian Church.—Corner of Second East and Second South streets. Rev. W. M. Eads, pastor. Reception of members and communion service at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 12:45. Junior Endeavor meeting at 4 o'clock. Young People's meeting at 6:30. Mission service at 7:45. Topic for the evening: "The Making of the Man Philip Brooks." Fifth in the series, "Promises and Saints of the Nineteenth Century." Seats of an assessor.

Baptist.
First Baptist Church.—Second South and Second West streets. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Dean Hamilton. Sunday school at 12:15. B. Y. U. C. at 8:45 p. m. Wednesday evening service at 8 p. m. A welcome to all.

Burlington Chapel.—Corner Indiana avenue and Navajo. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Dean W. Randolph. Sunday school at 3:15 p. m. Friday evening school at 8 p. m.

Rio Grande Chapel.—Second South between Ninth and Tenth West. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m.

Calvary Baptist Church (colored).—304 South West Temple. Sunday services: Sabbath school, 9:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. J. Gordon McPherson will preach from the subject, "The Gospel Message." Tuesday at 7:30; Wednesday at 8:15 o'clock. Mission service at 7:45. Topic for the evening: "The Making of the Man Philip Brooks." Fifth in the series, "Promises and Saints of the Nineteenth Century." Seats of an assessor.

Methodist.
First M. E. Church.—32 East Third South street, between Main and Third streets. Rev. Herbert Martens, pastor. At 11 a. m. the pastor will preach on "The Supreme Ambition of Jesus." At 7:30 p. m. Miss Florence Mouton of Australia, representing the world's W. C. T. U., will deliver an address. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. All seats free. Strangers cordially welcomed at all services. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 Monday evening. All men cordially invited.

Hill M. E. Church.—Ninth East and First South streets. Joel A. Smith, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor speaks at 11 o'clock on "The Church of the Future." At 7:30 p. m. "Rocks That Wreck and Ships That Sink." A good musical programme.

Lutheran.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.—South Fourth and Third streets. Rev. Herbert Martens, pastor. Sunday, Quasimodo Gentil; Sunday school at 10 a. m. divine service at 11 a. m. Rev. George W. Saut of Philadelphia, Pa., will preach. No service in the evening. You are invited.

Christian Science.
Church of Christ, Scientist.—304 South West Temple. Services: Sunday, 10 a. m. church service; 11 a. m. church service; 11 a. m. church service. Subject: "The Doctrine of Attraction." The Wednesday evening testimonial meeting is held every Wednesday at 8 p. m. Free reading room on ground floor of the Manitou hotel open daily from 10 a. m. and from 7:30 to 9 p. m. Christian Science literature free to visitors. The reading room, and a welcome to all meetings.

Unitarian.
Unitarian services at Salt Lake theatre at 11 a. m. Sunday, April 14. Dr. David Atter of Denver will preach on "The Rise of Man." Musical programme: Voluntary, "Liebesliedchen." C. Boim. Soprano solo, "Soft Southern Breeze" (Barbary). John Green. Violin solo, "Ave Maria." Edna Schindler. Organ. Offertory, "Song of the Lilies" (Dr. Thome).

Y. M. C. A.
At the Y. M. C. A. rooms, corner of Main and First South streets. Young men's meeting today at 8 p. m. Addressed by Dr. Alice M. Seabrook of Philadelphia and Miss Florence Mouton of Australia, both to speak on the same subject, "The Church of the Future." All men are cordially invited. Dr. Eads' lecture on "The Church of the Future" meets every Saturday at 8 p. m. and all teachers and others interested in this study are invited.

Truth Center.
Truth Center will hold services at 11 a. m. at Madame Helen Thielson's parlors, 201 Main street. Every Sunday morning. Topic: "There is Infinite Wisdom in Everything We See."

Twelfth Ward Sunday School.
Sunday school review at the Twelfth ward meeting house at 11 a. m. Sunday, April 14. Programme: Roll call, singing, prayer, history of the school, by the secretary, Miss Clara Williams, singing by the choir, the Lord's prayer, in concert, by the kindergarten and primary classes; vocal solo, Miss V. Parkinson; review of work in the theological class; singing, primary, kindergarten and first intermediate classes; recitation, Elma Young, Leone Ward, Heber Aldus and John Hardy. Easter exercises, second intermediate class; address, Bishop Clawson; singing by the school; benediction. Public is invited to attend.

Universal Brotherhood.
Universal Brotherhood Organization and Theosophical Society. Non-political.

and Non-sectarian.—Lodge No. 51 will hold its regular monthly public meeting this evening in their room, 218 Doody block, at 8 p. m. Addresses on living questions from the Theosophical standpoint. Musical selections. All invited.

Catholic.
At St. Mary's cathedral three masses are celebrated. The first mass at 8 a. m., the second at 10 a. m. and the third at 11 a. m. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Father Kennedy. Saturday school is held at 9:30 a. m. and vespers and benediction of the blessed sacrament at 7:30 p. m.

Reorganized Church.
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Service in mission chapel, 25 East Second South street, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Elder W. S. Pender. Subject of evening discourse, "Misled by the Spirit." Cordial invitation to all these services.

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STORY LIKE A ROMANCE

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(Special Correspondence.)

Washington, April 12.—The history of the colossal fortune of the late Robert Edwards reads like one of Alexander Dumas' finest romances, but the facts are apparently substantiated by incontestable records, and the claimants of will be seen, are the descendants of well known families among the early settlers of Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky.

The records of Northumberland county, Virginia, show that Robert Edwards, son of William Edwards of Lancaster county, who married Miss Mary Nicholson Haden, and whose mother was Ann Harrison, daughter of Colonel Benjamin Harrison of Virginia, and an ancestor of the two presidents of that name, was in 1735, when 22 years old, fined fifty pounds of tobacco for absconding with himself from the parish church for thirty days, which fine he reluctantly paid, and then "removed from the state to Manhattan Island, N. Y., where he purchased land and became a wealthy shipowner."

In 1783, while New York City was still occupied by British troops, being in ill health and discouraged, Robert Edwards leased his real estate, on which the lower part of Broadway and adjacent streets are now located, for a consideration, and soon after started on a sea voyage, from which, however, he never returned. The lease stipulated that the end of the term of ninety-nine years, or twenty years later, as might be arranged between the heirs and lessee, the property, with all improvements thereon, should revert to his heirs. He died a bachelor, leaving two brothers, Haden and Benjamin Edwards, of Westmoreland county, Virginia, his only heirs.

Benjamin Harrison Edwards, the younger brother, removed to Loudoun county, where he died, leaving children, Haden Edwards, who had charge of his father's estate in Lancaster county, married Penelope Sanford of Stafford county, and had issue of four sons and three daughters. John, the eldest son, removed in 1780 to Kentucky, then a county of Virginia, which he represented in the legislature of the state, and subsequently, on the admission of the territory into the Union as a state, in 1792, he was elected United States senator.

Story of Descendants.
Benjamin, the second son, married, in 1784, Margaret Beall, daughter of Ninian Beall of Montgomery county, Maryland, and located at Mount Pleasant, in that county. He was a member of the Maryland state convention that ratified the federal constitution, and subsequently represented his district in congress. His son, Ninian Edwards, removed to Kentucky in 1803 and became successively territorial governor and United States senator in Illinois.

The third son, Sanford, served on the staff of General Marion during the Revolutionary war and settled in South Carolina. His oldest daughter married Mr. Morris of Morrisania, N. Y. His fourth son married Elizabeth Monroe of Westmoreland county, Virginia, a cousin of James Monroe, former president of the United States. Of the three daughters of Haden Edwards, the oldest, Penelope, married William Pope, a distinguished lawyer, now in Kentucky and had issue, John Pope, United States senator and president pro tem of the senate, 1811; Governor Nathaniel Pope, grandfather of Major General John Pope, United States army, and other children.

The second daughter, Mary Edwards, married William Ashmore of Kentucky, and the third and youngest daughter, Elizabeth Edwards, married John Chancellor, a wealthy Virginia planter, whose mother, Jane Monroe, was a sister of Andrew and Spence Monroe of Westmoreland county, and an aunt of former President James Monroe.

Dr. C. W. Chancellor of Baltimore, late United States consul at Havre, France, now residing in this city, is a grandson of John and Elizabeth Chancellor, and the nearest of kin living to the deceased millionaire, Robert Edwards. Judge John and Edie Chancellor, former lieutenant governor of Kentucky, and the late William Haden Edwards, former consul general at Berlin, are also descendants of Haden Edwards and co-heirs to the great fortune.

Interest in this claim of over \$300,000,000 has been recently revived by the discovery of important papers, which, it is believed, will enable the heirs to substantiate the claim and push it to a successful issue.

D'Abruzzi Goes for the South Pole.
(New York Journal.)
Rome.—Prince Louis, Duke of Abruzzi, has directed the Alpine guides who accompany him on his Arctic trip to accept no engagement for this year or the next, but to consider themselves unemployed, and now on way making preparations for a voyage of exploration around the South Pole.

He is resolved that Italy shall not be left in the background where geographical discovery is concerned, and his country shall hold the record of "furthest north" of any nation.

King Victor Emmanuel, who is keenly interested in scientific investigations, is supporting the project, and the cost of the expedition will be defrayed partly by the government, partly by the Italian scientific society and partly by the king and by the emperor himself, who will assume personal command of the enterprise.

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